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Re: Application of Shigeo SHIRAKURA  
METHOD FOR REGENERATING NO<sub>x</sub> REMOVAL CATALYST  
**Assignee: THE CHUGOKU ELECTRIC POWER CO., INC.**  
Our Ref: Q85332

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- an English translation of the International Application.
- eight (8) sheets of drawings (figs. 1-8).
- an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- a Preliminary Amendment.

Copies of the Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

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Respectfully submitted,

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